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# A *Smith* and *Cutlers* Plain Dialogue about *WHIG* and *TORY*.

A whigg thing reproching ye Tories & applauding ye ~~Tories~~ Whiggs as ye only good persons.

*S.* GOod morrow Neighbour, what News have we this morning?

*C.* There's a a great noiſe of the *French* baffling our Fleet, which differently affects ſuch as come to buy Swords at my Shop.

*S.* I find the ſame, with perſons that come to buy Armes from me.

*C.* If you note your men, you'l find the countenance of the Tory well pleaſed; but the Whig incenced. The Tory excuſeth *Torrington*, and the Non-fighters; the Whig condemns them. The Tory revileth the *Dutch*, the Whig applaudeth them. The Tory obſtructs our preparations by ſubtil Tricks, the Whig is intent to remove the Reproach and prevent our danger, though he fear nothing as the Treachery of Tory, and therefore is more forward to act ſeparate from him, than in conjunction with him.

*S.* I find them whom people call Whiggs and Tories as divided in their Sentiments of the *Iriſh* affairs, the Tory compaſſionates K. *James*'s defeat, the Whig rejoyceth at it, the Tory grumbles at K. *W.* Reputation and great Deliverance; the Whigg is pleaſed therewith, and heartily bleſſeth God for it: the Tory ſeems to hope the work there will not be ſo ſoon finiſhed, the Whigg chearfully concludes the difficulty over. The Tory is concerned that K. *W.* is like to return ſo ſoon, the Whigg earneſtly longs for it; though he was affraid of his going thither.

*C.* The difference between theſe Whigs and Tories is ſo great in every thing, as if they were neither of one Religion, Country, or Nature.

*S.* I hear a confuſed Talk of Whig and Tory, I could wiſh I well underſtood what is intended by theſe Names, and how I may know the men.

*C.* The whole Kingdom is divided into Whig and Tory, and ever was, and will be diſtinguiſhed by that which theſe later names do ſignifie, it concerns us to underſtand them, that we undo not our ſelves by following the wrong ſide in our Votes or otherwiſe; for our Nations ſafety or ruin depends on this, whether the Whigg or Tory do prevail.

*S.* I have been made to believe that all the Church of *England* are Tories, and only the Diſſenters are the Whiggs.

*C.* What can be a plainer miſtake? For the Heads and chief Body of the Whiggs are in the Church of *England*, and Diſſenters are only Helpers to the Church Whigs, as the Papiſts do aſſiſt the Tory. Obſerve in all Elections, are they not generally conſtant Churchmen whom the Diſſenters vote for, look into the late Convention and Parliament, you'l not find there Twenty Diſſenters, though it was called a Whiggiſh Parliament.

*S.* I ſee its a cheat that Diſſenters are the only Whiggs. But others tell me that all ſuch are Tories who are for Monarchy, and all the Whiggs for a Common-wealth.

*C.* That's as falſe as the other. The Whigg is for an *Engliſh* Monarchy, tho not a *French* one. The Whigg is for the Common-weale, that is for the general good of the Nation, but he is not againſt Kingly Government, yea he is zealous for K. *W.* and Q. *M.* whereas the Tory would enſlave the Nation under the Name of Monarchy, and deſtroy Parliaments and Liberty under the name of a Common-wealth.

*S.* It ſeems then that civil Rights divide the Whigg and Tory, the Whigg is concerned to preſerve them, the Tory to deſtroy them.

*C.* You have the true notion, eſpecially if you add, that a baſe deſign of enriching himſelf on the Ruins of publick Liberty is the Heart of Toriſm, the very Tory himſelf would not be a Slave, but that he may be able to enſlave others that are below him

*S.* Can you tell me, what are the Principles of a Tory?

*C.* It's hard to reſolve you, becauſe a Tories Principles are ſuted to all new occaſions, and they never govern him further then a ſelfiſh end can be ſerved, yet if they have any Principles, with moſt they are theſe, to ſcruple nothing ſo it may ſerve a preſent turn, to ſet up the will of a Prince above all Laws ſo that the Prince will gratifie him, to anoint the Succeſſion with a *Jus divinum* if it ſerve the Tory Intreſt; to give Bribes for Places, that he may cheat the Publick; to cry up Non-reſiſtance when he hath all the Power, and bear nothing when ſtript of all chief Employments; to hector bravely rather than fight; to make a tearing noiſe, when he cannot anſwer reaſon; to inſult over all below him, and baſely flatter all in power. To cry up the Church, or ſuch popular terms for deſtroying that Government they cannot bewitch. To oppoſe by all Arts the employment of a Whig, and groſly bely every honeſt Candidate in any election. To buy Fools Votes in all Elections, that he may ſell their Birthright, and get back his Bribe in a large Penſion, for an oppreſſive Tax. To do no Man right, unleſs he purchaſe it, and ſell his Country to his utmoſt influence, where he can gain a little by the bargain. In ſhort, if you can tell me the inſtincts of an abject ſelfiſh Spirit in all occaſions, thoſe be a Torys Principles.

*S.* God deliver me and mine from the power of a party acting by ſuch rules. But what are the Principles of a Whig?

*C.* They are the common Sentiments of every Soul that's virtuous, brave and manly, to love his Country, to eſteem and uphold its civil Liberties; to expect no more than Law and Juſtice allows him, and to expect all that. To defend his Birthright and Laws, if fundamentally invaded; and yet bear Hardſhips in his own concerns, ſo the Nation proſper: To deſerve an imployment, and not buy it: To manage his Office by rules of Juſtice and Humanity. To reſent an injury from his Superiour, and to treat his Foes with equity, yea, to pity even a Tory in diſtreſs; to fight fairly rather than huff; to ſatisfy his Judgment in every vote, whoever is offended; to enrich his Family by diligence, and not by the Spoils of others: to quit the beſt employment rather than to betray his Country: To have all power regulated by the Laws; to have Kingſhip and Parliaments conform to our Engliſh conſtitution, which is adopted to the common good: To ſcorn a baſe action, Perjury, falſhood, and little Tricks.

*S.* How degenerate is the Land that can diſlike to be governed by ſuch Principles as theſe? But pray what would theſe Tories be at, if they could obtain their wiſhes?

*C.* They would have a King a Slave to his own Luſts, and the Tories Intreſt; and then they would ſet him above all Laws: Parliaments muſt be Cyphers, or ceaſe to be; Souldiers be Lords paramount, Courts of Juſtice be at beck to wreak their Malice, and give cauſes according to a Court letter; they would have all mens Eſtates at the Kings pleaſure, that is in their own diſpoſal. They would have all Whigs deſtroyed whether Churchmen or Diſſenters, all rights of Election removed, and all Officers of Corporations in their nominating. They would have corrupt Judges and Sheriffs and pack'd Juries, the Laws a Noſe of Wax, and every mans life precarious. They would have all the power the Church, and cry of the Pulpits ſerve a Tyrannical purpoſe, for ſake of preferment in their hand to give. They would have Licence to be vile without reſtraint, and oppreſſive beyond all Danger or Controul

*S.* They would have Hell upon Earth. I ſhould be glad to hear what the Whiggs deſire?

*C.* They deſire the Security of the real Proteſtant Religion in an aptitude to Chriſtian purpoſes, they deſire the Safety of true Honour, and Strength of their preſent Majeſties Government; free and juſt Elections of Parliaments, that Parliaments redreſs grievances and propoſe neceſſary Laws. that the Revenues and Taxes, of the Nation by Parliaments may be as great as may ſupport the Strength and Honour of the Government and Nation, and be juſtly employed to theſe uſes, and not to nouriſh the Luſts of Flatterers, or enrich prerogative Favourites. That the Laws have a free courſe and juſt execution. That men of probity and worth be in all Employments, that Courts of Juſtice be incorrupt, that every mans life and property be ſecure, Vertue and Induſtry incouraged, no place of Truſt ſold for mony, nor Bribes allowed. That Cheaters of the publick and betrayers of their Country be puniſhed, and the well-deſerving find reward: that groſs villanies be under reſtraint, no more Souldiers kept than the Nations exigence requires, which they own at preſent to be great. That the freedom and liberties of Corporations be upheld. And in fine, that neither Anarchy nor Tyranny be our plague or danger. Theſe are the worſt things the Whig ſtrives for.

*S.* It's ſtrange that any Engliſh-man ſhould obſtruct theſe honeſt and happy deſigns; and ſince you have thus awakened me, I would learn to diſtinguiſh between the perſons of *Whig* and *Tory*.

*C.* Theſe very oppoſite principles and deſigns will direct you as far as they appear in the ſtated courſe of any man. But you may receive ſome further light, if you obſerve how men have been divided ſince the names of *Whig* and *Tory* obtained in *England*. To give you a few inſtances. The Tory was in Parliament a Penſioner, the Whig diſdain'd it. The Tory abetted every motion for the Prerogative againſt the peoples good, the Whig oppoſed it. The Whig petitioned for a Parliament, the Tories ſubſcribed an abhorrence of thoſe Petitions. The Tory was for ſtifling the Popiſh Plot, the Whig for the proſecution of it. The Tory was the rigid perſecuter of the Diſſenters, the Whig ſaw the Popiſh deſign, and ſpared them. The Whig was for the Bill of Excluſion, the Tory againſt it, and addreſſed in zeal for the Duke. The Tory was eager in purſuing the ſham Proteſtant plots, the Whig would have defeated thoſe vile deſigns. The Tory was for delivering up the Charters, the Whig againſt it. The Tory was for all the irregular and violent elections as of *North*, *Rich*, &c. the Whig for the right and juſt elections, as of Mr.——— *Papilion*, *Dubois*, &c. for which in *London* they were generally turned out of the Liveries, fined, &c. The Tory was the Court-tool in all bloody Juries, whereby our beſt Proteſtant blood was let out: the Whig while a Jury-man in ſuch tryals, was *Ignoramus* and Not Guilty; and when Sheriffs were got for the *Popiſh* turn, he was no more employed. The Tory you might find in the Lieutenancy, Militia, Bench, and all power, when the Whigs were crouded in Priſons, or hiding, in conſtant expectation of death, aſſoon as the blood-hounds gave the Tory a hint of the Courts pleaſure.

*S.* We have poor memories that need be reminded of Characters ſo late and ſignal, yet the Tories were hot againſt K. *James* at laſt.

*C.* You may well ſay at laſt, for they augmented his Revenue without any ſecurity againſt Popery or Slavery; they did all they could to engage his Confidence; they were his Tools to ruin the Whigs, and perſecute Diſſenters while he judged that his Intreſt; did they ever make the leaſt halt, till they ſaw that all their Courtſhip failed to ſecure their power and employments? whereas had not a divine infatuation diſſolved the union betwixt him and the Tories, he had deſtroyed the Whigs by their hands, and then neceſſitated the Tories compliance with his utmoſt deſigns.

*S.* But ſome Diſſenters ſeem'd K. *J*'s Tools at laſt.

*C.* Fondneſs of eaſe after ſuch hardſhips, enmity againſt Tories, and weakneſs betrayed ſome very few: But what were theſe in Number to the Tories, whom he employed to the laſt? What real Power durſt he ever truſt the Diſſenter with? By ſuch as were in little Imployments, the Bulwark of Proteſtancy and Civil Rights was ſtronger than when in Tory Hands: And once for all ſeveral Miniſters, in the Name of the Diſſenters, did offer K. *James* to lay down their Liberty, rather than contribute to the Publick Ruine, by declaring they would ſtand by his Declaration, which he propoſed to them, when the Biſhops were in the Tower, and the Body of Diſſenters were of the ſame Mind.

*S.* Many of the Tories were ſeemingly unanimous for the P. of *Orange*.

*C.* They were ſo; but it ſoon appeared it was in hopes Toriſm might be reſettled; Was not the impulſe vaniſhed aſſoon as they ſuſpected, that inſtead of delivering up K. *James* into their management, the Prince was like to fill the Throne.

*S.* I well remember how our Tory Aldermen, and others, were for courting the late K. *James* at his return, and how the Leaders of the Tories were againſt the Abdication.

*C.* And do you forget, that when they could not prevent the Soveraignty of K. *William* and Q. *Mary*, how they concurred to ſink the Government? Theſe delayed the relief of *Ireland*; theſe continued King *James*'s Forces, to neceſſitate Guards to keep them harmleſs: How zealous for the Sacrament Teſt, leſt the K. might enjoy the aſſiſtance of ſuch that would be truſty; and further, they did what they could to irritate them: Theſe delayed to raiſe Money; they expenſively laid out the Treaſure, to neceſſitate ſuch Taxes as will render the Vulgar uneaſie; theſe got in Tools fitted to make Army and Navy uſeleſs and dangerous; the Honour of the King was aſperſed by them in Pamphlets and Talk; theſe imputed to the weakneſs of the Government all the effects of their own faults and ill-management. To ſay nothing of the Non-ſwearers levening the Nation againſt the King and Queen.

*S.* I have heard many wonder, that after moſt of the Tories had ſworn Allegiance to our preſent King and Queen, they ſhould yet be againſt impoſing that Oath on the Clergy, againſt the Bill of Recognition, againſt owning their preſent Majeſties to be rightful King and Queen, though they knew a King *de facto* only, is but an Uſurper, whom every Man is bound to his utmoſt to dethrone, whilſt another hath the Right; and that by this vain diſtinction the greateſt Enemies were legally capable of all Power; theſe were againſt renouncing K. *James*, and indeed againſt every thing that ſeemed moſt ſerviceable to the preſent Conſtitution; all which convince me that the Tory Enemies to the

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Government, who ſwear to it, are far worſe Men than ſuch as refuſe to ſwear.

C. Alas. How many do profanely juggle in their Prayers, mock at the preſent Faſts, plead for K. *James*, bemoan K. *William*'s ſucceſs, and rejoice at any News threatning ruine to our Settlement?

S. By their Diſcourſes and Carriage, I am confident many of them are for reſtoring K. *James* by this *French* Invaſion, and not a little concerned in the Plot we hear of.

C. Some of this Sort are apprehended; and I wiſh none be guilty, who by their greater Influence will be more fatal. He need not Divine, who can ſee this Plot in the late publick attempts in City and Country.

S. It's unnaccountable to me, that Church Whigs were caſt out of Employs, to make room for the moſt notorious Tories: Oh, What Men are ſome, dignified in our Lieutenancy and Militia! What endeavours to preſs an imitation of our example through the Kingdom? What ſpending of Money and Pains to get Tools for Mayor, Sheriffs, and Common-Council Men? When I hear ſome Men talk, it's not hard to judge what uſe their Power will be put to, if opportunity be given; and I am ſure we may thank God that they carried it not for Lord Mayor and Sheriffs.

C. Their goodneſs is ſome ſecurity; but we may bleſs God for the ſeaſonable Succeſs of our King in *Ireland*. it's that which ſtifles the Deſign which the *French* Fleet hovers on our Coaſts in expectation of, though as yet God hides from them the advantages which *England*'s Treachery and Jealouſies give them.

S. Whether are the Whigs or Tories the greater number?

C. The Whigs are far the greater number, though the Tory m[illegible] the louder noiſe; for though on the Reſtauration the Tories had a[illegible] advantages, by the obnoxiouſneſs of the Whigs, on account of the [illegible] times; though K. *Charles*'s Reign did as much as could be to debau[illegible] the Nation; though all Power was in Tory Hands; the cry of [illegible] Pulpit was engaged for them; the Diſſenters ſorely perſecuted [illegible] Whiggiſm, not Nonconformity: the Trimmer affrighted to a Neu[illegible]lity; and the baſeſt Bribes and Arts uſed to make Parliament Members, yet the Whigs carried it in the three laſt Parliaments, in K. *Charles*'s time; if it was ſo then, you may be ſure the Whig is more numerous now, when the Trimmer, delivered from fear, is truly Whiggiſh; and many Tories ſee their weakneſs, who, after inſtances of honeſty, may be relyed on, and ſooner he will not expect our Vote for him to any place, but joyn with us in the choice of one more approved.

S. Which is the ſtronger Intereſt in *England*, if the Government ſtand Neutral.

C. Beſides the Ballance in Number, every whig is in himſelf, for Steadineſs and Courage, worth five Tories, and in his influence among his Neighbours he can outdo forty of equal rank. his Cauſe and his Carriage commend him; whereas a Tory Cauſe will engage few to venture farther than Power forceth, or Places bribe, and his guilt and inſolence expoſe him to the diſlike of all indifferent Men.

S. How come the Tories to ſeem ſtrong, when their Intereſt is not great.

C. Partly by the Numbers they have made partakers in their paſt guilt, principally by the Places and Power which they too oft poſſeſs in the Government.

S. What way did the Tory uſe to get Power heretofore.

C. He ſtill promiſed the King arbitrarineſs in Power, Obedience without regard to Law, or Juſtice, and as much Money as his Luſt did crave; he bought Offices at a dear price, well knowing how to make the Publick bear his charges: When Parliament-Members, or other Officers were to be elected, he had Agents to bribe the popular Men, to flatter and make drunk the ordinary People, and threaten ſuch whom they could not otherwiſe incline, which is yet no ſmall thing with them who ſo lately felt their revenge: Beſides theſe, they never wanted ſome new invented Lye to aſperſe their Competitor. To ſay nothing of Cabals, Letters from Court, the perſonal appearance of their influencing Leaders, yea the ſtruggle of the whole Poſſe of the Faction.

S. They have an ill turn to ſerve who uſe methods ſo baſe: But what way did the Whig take?

C. He approved himſelf to Men's judgment, he truſted to the goodneſs of his Cauſe, to his Integrity, Merit, and faithful diſcharge of every former Truſt; if theſe inclined Men to abet his choice, well and good; but if Men would be Fools and Slaves for Ale and Pelf, he pittyed them, and ſcorn'd to outbid his Rival.

S. As far as Vertue governs the Electors and Diſpoſers of Places this will carry it: But what have the effects of Toriſm been?

C. The Government weaken'd and almoſt deſtroyed, by ſetting up a Kingly Intereſt in oppoſition to the Peoples, the true *Engliſh* Vertue and Courage loſt, the exceſſive growth of the *French* Power, the Nations Glory and Influence in Foreign Courts ſunk, Trade diſcouraged, and the trading part of the Nation ſubjected to vile Informers and perjur'd Witneſſes, our greateſt Patriots, as *Ruſſel*, *Sidney*, *Corniſh* &c. murthered, and all others forced to fly, or live in expectation of ruine, whenever the Tory thought it ſeaſonable; Corporation Stocks [illegible], all their Rights violated; the Kingdom debauched and divided: Theſe and a thouſand ſuch Fruits may the Tory boaſt of, and the Nation curſe him for.

S. I well remember theſe, notwithſtanding the Whig's oppoſition, which makes me dread to ask you what will the condition of the Kingdom be if Toriſm prevail?

C. Every Man's Life will be at the Mercy of a pack'd Jury, if you have any Juries at all; all Courts of Juſtice will be guided by the direction and hints of any Man of Power; no honeſt Man can call any thing his own, what he hath laboured for muſt be at the pleaſure of a Miniſter of State, and all his Underlings; Parliaments will be diſmiſs'd, or ſignifie what they do in *France*, *viz.* execute the King's reſolves, and bring deſolating Poverty by oppreſſive Taxes; Souldiers will hector in our Families; Trade and Induſtry ceaſe; the worſt of Men have all the Power, and each preferred as he is fitted to oppreſs, or moſt pernicious to the People's Good, wherein even every Tory muſt outbid each other. Monopolies, Spoils, and ruines. In a Word, we ſhall live Slaves, as they do in *France* and *Turkey*.

S. A dreadful State! But what have been the effects of Whiggiſm?

C. The preſerving us thus long from theſe utmoſt Miſeries: What of our Civil Rights or Happineſs we poſſeſs are owing to Whiggiſm; judge you in what a condition had *England* been, if Parliaments, Laws, and Juſtice had had none to favour them, or to ſtem the oft riſing Tide of Oppreſſion, if all Whigs had been Tories, theſe late Reigns muſt have extinguiſhed the Memorial of our Liberties. The preſent happy Change is owing to Whiggiſm. The Tories for once became more Whiggiſh for their private ends, than the Whigs are at any time for a publick Good.

S. Even the Tories Poſterity will have cauſe to bleſs the Whig. Shall I ask you what will the State of the Nation be, if Whiggiſm prevail?

C. The true *Engliſh* Government will be ſupported, and the great ends of Government be our Bleſſing, the King ſtrong in the love of his People, every Man ſecure of his Liberty and Property, Vice grow unfaſhionable, *England*'s Honour and Courage recover it ſelf, Juries and Judges equally determine Cauſes, the Vertuous and Men of Merit be employed, and hence Taxes eaſie, Trade, Induſtry, and Wealth flouriſh.

S. But will not Whiggiſm bring in a Common-Wealth?

C. Never, unleſs Tory Struggles force it, the Government will be too ſtrong and grateful otherwiſe to be attempted by any Man.

S. Why ſhould any Man be a Tory?

C. Becauſe it's eaſier to flatter one Prince, than by worth acquire reputation with the People; it's eaſier to buy a Place, than deſerve it; it's eaſier to gratifie the Luſts of others, than ſubdue ones own; yea, it's eaſier to ſpoil others, than honeſtly acquire an Eſtate, by pains and thrift.

S. Who are likely to be Tories, for Fancy Conſtitution and Circumſtances lead Men to be Whig and Tory.

C. They are fitted to be Tories, who are ſo fooliſh as to be Bigots, or not to know their own Intereſt they that be of ſlaviſh tempers, that are ſo idle as not to take pains for an Eſtate, or that prodigally ſpending it, are not honeſt and brave enough to diſdain baſe ways to repair it; they that be Cowards, that love Power or Riches above a Common Good; the ill natur'd and cruel, the Rake-hell that loves not Sobriety or Juſtice in another, and is reſolved never to Merit the good Opinion of his Country, or ſeek its good: Opportunity will make Tories of ſuch as theſe; whereas all of the contrary temper will be Whigs.

S. Tories are not all Fools, ſome few have been crafty enough, and [illegible] in ill times, ſeem to the unthinking the only able Men.

C. [illegible] Leaders are commonly a few Men of parts, of too great Ambition, theſe recommending themſelves to be the active inſtruments of a weak Prince, and keeping Light and Truth from him, do form the Tory Herd to their own purpoſes; their more cunning Followers ſhall divide the leſſer ſpoils, whilſt the main Body of the Tories are cajol'd with fooliſh Hopes, and the pleaſure of huffing and domineering.

S. When will the Tory be dangerous?

C. Only when a Prince that miſtakes imaginary Power, for real, ſhall make them able by Offices to do harm; otherwiſe their deſigns are too pernicious, and their Perſons too hateful to invite Partakers.

S. A wiſe and juſt Prince never need to fear them, nor will he of choice employ them: But can Whiggiſm be deſtroyed in *England*.

C. Not while there's Honeſty, Induſtry, Generoſity, or good Beef; for theſe will ſtill inſpire a Whiggiſh Spirit, and maintain the conteſt till the Nation be worſe than Bedlam.

S. Can Toriſm prevail under the Government of K. *W* and Q. *M.*

C. No, unleſs by even a greater Miracle, than any his Government hath hitherto ſubſiſted by; for K. *William*'s Title is Whiggiſh, and moſt of his real Friends, whom the Tory muſt undo, are Whiggs; the Body of the Tories hate him, and muſt always ſuſpect him, unleſs he could turn Oppreſſor, Perſecutor, and Debauchee; which his Vertue is too great to admit. The ſeeming *Williamite* Tories, if they would attempt to flatter him with Prerogative, are ſo few, that they muſt put Power into the *Jacobite*'s Hand to undo the Government on the firſt occaſion, who otherwiſe will fall in with the Whig to oppoſe the Tory *Williamite*, and preſerve their Rights, if they deſpair of K. *J.* if the Tories have any Principle, it is the Sacredneſs of the Succeſſion, which they will not want Men to mind them of, whilſt K. *James* or his Son are in Being: We have honeſt Judges during good behaviour, we have a Bill of Rights, the reproach of Whiggiſm is removed, the Right Hand of Toriſm (*viz.* Paſſive Obedience) is withered, Tory-Leaders are under an Odium; but what need I ſay more, our late danger may convince the Blindeſt; Did not the Tories generally reckon on the diſſolution of the Government, and appear in all reſpects ready to contribute to it? According to the Tories power, the King's Intereſt was ſenſibly weak, and the whole frame not likely to endure a ſmall ſhock, if the Whiggiſh Body (eſpecially among the Common people) had not ſupported it: But ſuch hitts are too rare and miraculous for a Government to ſubſiſt by, and I hope the Tory can never allure K. *William* to attempt that, which he came to deſtroy, and which is ſo inconſiſtent with his Safety as well as Honour; he has too Glorious Things in his purpoſe abroad to reſt on a Generation, who are eaſily brib'd by *French* Money, too void both of Principle and Courage, careleſs of their greateſt proteſtations, as well as their Country's Honour, think it innocent to defraud and waſte the publick Treaſure, and able to ſerve any King (whom they ſhall eſpouſe) in nothing, but deſpoiling his own Subjects: This were unaccountable always, but eſpecially after ſuch experiments, and when there are Whigs ſufficient for number and fitneſs to accompliſh his greateſt deſigns by, and who be true to all his juſt and real Intereſts.

S. I ſee our good King and Queen can neither Reign at home, nor conquer abroad by any but the Whigs; but I find the Whigs are ſomewhat warm of late.

C. But it is from zeal for K. *W.* and Q. *M.* foreſeeing how impoſſible it is by the Tory to keep out K. *J.* and a dread of thoſe Tory miſchiefs which they can hardly bear under the moſt grateful Name.

S. What is meant by the Church which the Tories ſtill cry up?

C. Neither the *Proteſtant* Faith nor Worſhip; for theſe Diſſenters ſubſcribe to, nor meer Epiſcopacy, for the Church Whig is for this. But the word Church is differently uſed, according as the Tories are divided; with ſome it's King *James*, with others it's Slavery; with the formal Bigot it's a few Ceremonies, with others its exceſſive grandeur, in the Prelates, Pluralities to the lower Clergy, and licentiouſneſs of life, and power of oppreſſion for both the Tory Clergy and Laity: With all theſe it's Tory power to check the Rivals for the Crown, and ruine the people. This is the Church in the Devils Clubs, and Country Towns, when the Legion is forming againſt every honeſt election or publick good.

S. This looks like a combination of ill men for illegal Dominion, rather than the flock of Chriſt, eſpecially when all the ſober men of the ſame Communion are denied to be members of their Church. I thank you for undeceiving me, nothing ſhall ever induce me to aſſiſt Toryiſm more: I find the Tory is the worſt enemy to his Country, becauſe he undermines its liberty, and hates its weal; and he is not much a better friend to Religion, for he cannot endure the ſerious practice of it in one of his own Communion.

C. What I have ſaid is only fitted to ſuch common people as our ſelves, who yet are like to ſignifie ſomewhat: It's plain truth beſt ſuits us, and as far as I ſee, moſt of *Englands* hopes and virtue are among ſuch middling people as you and me.

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